

SUSPECT FOUL PLAY

Alexandria Police Have Mystery on Their Hands.

LOOKING FOR C. A. THOMAS

Fear Stranger, Who Has Disappeared, May Have Met with Unlucky End—Hat and Letters Found by Night Watchman on an Old Steamer—Mrs. Ansley's Funeral.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, (Herald Telegram 12.)

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 1.—Following the discovery to-day of a hat and several letters, apparently the property of C. A. Thomas, of Clinton, Md., aboard the old steamer Arrowmouth, which has been lying here out of commission for several weeks, the local police have commenced an investigation for the purpose of throwing light on the possibility of foul play in connection with the matter.

The articles were found in the bar of the boat by Charles Dearborn, night watchman, who reported the discovery at the station house, turning the papers over to Officer Young. The watchman said he was sure they had not been on the boat up to a few days ago. Some of the letters appeared to have been in the water. The watchman was at a loss to account for their presence on the vessel.

Communicates with Clinton.
Chief Goods this afternoon sent a letter to Clinton to ascertain whether Thomas has been missing from his home, or if not, whether any significance attaches to the unexplained presence of the articles on the Arrowmouth.

In two of the envelopes found were acknowledgments of payments made by Thomas, apparently for goods purchased for a general merchandise business at Clinton. One was from the Pratt Food Company, and the other from the Bros., Baltimore. Another letter, dated December 21, at Clinton, was addressed by Thomas to the Washington Mechanics Savings Bank, Washington, D. C.

Funeral of Mrs. Ansley.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Harriet Ansley, whose death occurred last night, will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, from the residence of her husband, Treasurer H. C. Ansley, of the Southern Railway Company, 913 Third Street. Rev. William J. Morton, of Christ Episcopal Church, and Rev. P. P. Phillips, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will officiate. Mrs. Ansley had been in ill health for some time and her death was not unexpected. In addition to her husband, five children, two sons and three daughters, survive her. She was a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Robert W. Fuller, of Beaufort, S. C. The greater portion of her life was spent in Alexandria. The interment, which will be private, will be made in the family burial ground in St. Paul's cemetery. The pallbearers will be President W. W. Finley, Comptroller A. H. Plant, and Assistant Comptroller E. F. Parham, of the Southern Railway Company, and Carroll W. Ashby, H. H. Snowden, and William B. Snoot, of this city.

The funeral of Jonah White, a former resident of this city, whose death occurred in New York Saturday, is to take place at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church, where mass will be celebrated. The remains are expected to reach this city early in the morning, when they will be conveyed to the residence of Mrs. J. T. Hill, 211 South Royal street.

The remains of William Cox, who died Saturday at his home, near Polk, Fairfax County, were forwarded to-day from this city to La Plata, Md., for interment.

The Alexandria Gazette, one of the oldest newspapers in the United States, to-day issued the first number of its 108th volume.

SHOT AT TARGET; KILLED MAN.

Two Richmond Men Held to Answer for Negro's Death.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—John Jackson and James Cheatham were before Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court, charged with shooting and killing Sanner Taylor, a colored man, at his home, on Creek street, Saturday night. The man was found dead in bed, with a hole through his head.

The men deny the charge. They claim to have been employed on construction work on the Wabash Railroad in West Virginia. They say they were in Richmond to spend the holidays with their families. They allege that the pistols found in their rooms were carried by them only when they are at work. The case went over until to-morrow.

The coroner believes the men were shooting at targets, and a stray bullet hit Jackson.

BROOKES DENIES INTENT.

Alexandria Man Had No Idea of Shooting Mrs. Baker.

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Winchester, Va., Jan. 1.—A. Powell Brookes, son of W. F. Brookes, of Alexandria, who is in jail in this city, charged with attempting to kill Mrs. Alexander M. Baker at the Winchester Memorial Hospital Sunday night, made a statement to-day, through his attorney, in which he disclaims any intention of killing Mrs. Baker, and that he only intended to frighten her.

"I took exceptions to what I thought was the unkindly attitude of Mrs. Baker toward me," he said, "and, merely to scare her, I took out my pistol and pointed it at her. When she became alarmed and summoned assistance, I handed the weapon to the head nurse at the hospital. I knew what I was doing, but then, you know, when a fellow is nervous and strung up he is impulsive and irritable and is liable to do things which he lives afterward to regret. It is an unfortunate affair, and I deplore the notoriety which Mrs. Baker's visit has caused her and my family."

Shot by Her Husband; Dies.

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Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 1.—Viola Fulton, who was shot by her husband, from whom she had separated Christmas night, died this morning. Jealousy prompted the deed, the husband ending a quarrel with her by shooting her in a restaurant with a Colt's army pistol. He escaped.

Dies from Poisoning, Aged Ninety.

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Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 1.—William Armstrong died to-day at his home, near Antioch Church, Stafford County, of gangrene poisoning, aged ninety years. He was the oldest citizen residing in this county. A large family of children survive him.

Swanson Invited to Banquet.

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Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Gov. Swanson has received an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Grindiron Club, of Washington, which will take place January 23. He will attend if possible.

WIFE IN TURN FILES SUIT.

Mrs. Mary E. Kohlhoos Charges Desertion and Asks Freedom.

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Rockville, Md., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mary E. Kohlhoos, now temporarily residing in Washington, D. C., but whose legal residence is in this county, through her solicitors, Talbott & Prettymann, filed a suit for absolute divorce, here, to-day, against her husband, Harvey Kohlhoos, of Derwood, this county, upon the ground of desertion.

This suit is the outcome of the case filed over three years ago by the husband against the wife, asking for absolute divorce upon the ground of infidelity, which case was fought through to the Court of Appeals, at Annapolis, especially with reference to the damage suit connected therewith, when the husband sued the wife for the alienation of his wife's affections. The husband's suit for divorce was dismissed.

In the suit filed by Mrs. Kohlhoos, it is alleged that the parties were married June 22, 1885, and lived together in Montgomery County, and various other places, until September 24, 1903, when the desertion took place, without any just cause or reason. There are three children, for whose custody the plaintiff prays.

THREE ELOPING COUPLES WED

Come from Baltimore to Washington on New Year's Day.

Have Been Playmates in Same Neighborhood Since Childhood—Triple Ceremony by Rev. E. L. Lamar.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 1.—Three young couples made a triple elopement from Baltimore to Washington and were married to-day. The following licenses were secured in Washington in preparation for the interesting event: Lewis F. Batchelor, son of William K. Batchelor, of 228 Druid Hill avenue, and Miss Margaret C. Forsythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Forsythe, 208 Woodberry avenue, Woodberry; William J. Stephen, son of Mr. G. W. Stephen, 263 Woodberry avenue, and Miss Florence Forsythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Forsythe, 208 Woodberry avenue; Clarence Sweeney, son of Samuel Sweeney, 263 Woodberry avenue, and Miss Jessie D. Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keith, of 253 Woodberry avenue.

The triple ceremony was performed at the residence of Rev. Edward L. Lamar, 364 Eleventh street southeast. All of the interesting parties live in the same neighborhood and have been playmates since childhood.

The unique plan of the triple elopement was decided upon about a week ago at the residence of the Forsythes. The young ladies had at this Dr. Lamar sent some gowns as Christmas gifts from their parents, and these they used as wedding dresses.

All three filled into the church, but they did not have the wedding march and large audience when they entered.

"I think we ought to have some to see us all get married," said one of the young women. At this Dr. Lamar sent for his daughter, Miss Florence Lamar, who acted as the audience and witness, and after a few moments' coaxing on the part of her father, she played a march that made the neighbors in that locality open their windows and wonder what was going on in the church.

Rev. E. L. Lamar was at one time the pastor of the Episcopal church in this city, which the young people attended.

After the ceremony was over, the contracting parties went to the Pennsylvania depot and took a train for this city. Then they went to their respective homes to break the news to their families and ask for a parental blessing.

LAMP EXPLODES; WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Camille Conley, of Wardsville, Is Burned to Death.

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Winchester, Va., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Camille Conley, wife of Thomas Conley, a prominent resident of Wardsville, was so terribly burned as the result of the explosion of a lamp, which she attempted to light last evening, that she died this morning, after suffering intense agony.

The explosion threw the burning oil about the face of the woman, who was sitting in a chair. The fire from the lamp spread to the curtains, and the woman was unable to get away.

Mrs. Conley was a daughter of the late P. Camillus Baker, of Wardsville, and was forty-two years of age. Surviving her are her husband and two small children.

VIRGINIA DELEGATE NAMED.

Gov. Swanson Sends H. R. Shade to Foreign Commerce Convention.

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Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Gov. Swanson has appointed H. R. Shade, of Herndon, Fairfax County, as one of the delegates to attend the convention which will be held in Washington under the auspices of the boards of trade of New York, Chicago, and Boston for the purpose of increasing the foreign commerce of the United States.

Gov. Swanson has also been asked to be one of the speakers at the convention, but has not yet decided what he will do in the matter.

GET OUT IN NIGHT CLOTHES.

Maryland Family Has Narrow Escape When Home Is Fired.

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Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 1.—Fire this morning destroyed the large brick residence of Samuel Christ, at Shady Grove, this county, along with all its contents. When the fire broke out, the family was in bed, and they escaped with their children, clad only in their night clothes. The fire was the work of an incendiary, an investigation showing that the house had been set afire at several places. The loss of several thousand dollars is partially covered by insurance.

GRETNIA GREEN AT ROCKVILLE.

Clerk of Court Issued Many Marriage Licenses to Washingtonians.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Rockville, Md., Jan. 1.—During the past year the clerk of this court has issued 460 marriage licenses. Of this number, 169 have been issued to parties giving their residence in the District of Columbia. One hundred and sixty-five licenses were issued to residents of Montgomery County; forty-one to Virginians, and the balance to people from other places.

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HAS NEW SEED PLAN

Would Abolish Distribution of Common Varieties.

DR. GALLOWAY URGES REFORM

Idea Is Practically to Make Congressmen Agents of the Department of Agriculture in Work of Planting Rare Seeds and Improving Crops Generally—Great Benefit Expected.

Ineffectual attempts have been made annually for several years to abolish the distribution of seeds by the Department of Agriculture. Influential Republicans, as well as Democrats, have spoken in vain against the abuses to which the distribution has led. Now the advocates of the proposed reform are following a new plan.

Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, which has immediate charge of the distribution, has outlined this to the House Committee on Agriculture. He hopes something like it will be enacted into law and put into operation during the next fiscal year. He has seventy-five projects, in reality, for the distribution of seeds, but by altogether different methods than Congress ever directly authorized. These projects contemplate sending out to various localities choice varieties of seeds as soon as feasible. He exhibited to the committee recently maps and photographs to illustrate where the work could be carried on. He has already undertaken it in a small way, sending special varieties of seeds to farmers or others known to be specially interested in certain kinds of crops. The department keeps in close touch with the recipients of these seeds. Reports are made, and the farmers are thus brought into close co-operation with the department. In a way the individual farmer conducts a miniature experiment station, as such most States now maintain in connection with their agricultural colleges.

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PLAN R. F. D. ASSOCIATION.

Carriers Urge Insurance Organization to Be Managed by Themselves.

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Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 1.—At a meeting of the Washington County Rural Free Delivery Carriers' Association, held in Excelsior Hall at Smithsburg to-day, the matter of urging the organization of an insurance or relief association, to be under the management of the National Association of Rural Free Delivery Carriers, was discussed at length. The matter will be taken up at the next State meeting. Vice President S. D. Newman presided at to-day's meeting.

Samuel Welty made an address on his experience in the use of an automobile for the delivery of mail along rural routes. On his first trip out, Mr. Welty narrowly escaped being killed as the result of the cylinder of his car exploding. With that exception his experience has been fairly satisfactory.

Charles A. Baechtel delivered an address on the State convention held in Baltimore last September.

The visitors were banqueted by the carriers whose routes start from Smithsburg.

CALL ON MARYLAND GOVERNOR

Fifth Regiment Officers Pay Annual Respects to Chief Executive.

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Annapolis, Md., Jan. 1.—The principal event of the New Year's observance in Annapolis was the annual visit of the officers of the Fifth Maryland Infantry to Governor Warfield. The officers arrived at Annapolis shortly after 11 o'clock, and after being received by the executive and his staff, assisted by the Annapolis officers of the Naval Guard, and partaking of a buffet luncheon, many of them called on Admiral Sands and other friends at the Academy and in Annapolis.

Among those who assisted Gov. Warfield in receiving was Lieut. John F. Guilfoyle, of the Seventh United States Cavalry, who until recently was military secretary of the State of Louisiana.

Lieut. Guilfoyle is staying in Annapolis with Col. E. L. Woodside, of the Adjutant General's office.

KEPT WEDDING A SECRET.

Baltimore Couple Have Been Married Since August.

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Baltimore, Jan. 1.—The marriage has just been announced of Miss Helen Collum, of 1514 East Eager street, to W. Frank Smith, of 1514 East Baltimore street. The wedding took place on August 4, in Frederick, but was kept a secret until a few days ago, when Mr. and Mrs. William Collum, the parents of the bride, were told of the fact. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now on a trip to New York to announce their marriage to an aunt, who lives in that city. Upon their return they will live at 1514 East Eager street.

PHYSICAL CULTURE DIGNIFIED.

Raised to a Department at Naval Academy at Annapolis.

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Annapolis, Md., Jan. 1.—Instruction on physiology, hygiene, and physical culture at the Naval Academy has been raised to the dignity of a regular department, with Surg. F. C. Cook, U. S. N., as its head. His assistants are Matthew Strohm, boxing master; Otto Steffens, and L. H. Mang, instructor in physical training. Messrs. Mang and Schutz are recent appointees.

Man and Wife Attack Hendrix.

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Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 1.—Will Hendrix, a Spencer man, is at death's door to-night as the result of a fight with Root Davis and his wife. He charges Davis with cutting him while he was being held. The injured man was brought to the city hospital, but physicians think there is no hope for him. He was stabbed in the lungs.

Always Remember the Full Name

Ex-Lieutenant Bromo Quinine

Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days
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TRAIN ROBBERS KNOWN.

Arrest of Two Men Who Held Up Seaboard Air Line Expected Shortly.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—According to local authorities the two men who held up and robbed the Seaboard Air Line train last night are known. Their pictures have even been identified by those who saw them before they got on the train here, as well as by those who saw both men on the train after it had left here.

Those in possession of the names and identity of the robbers refuse to disclose the facts. It was said this morning that every act of the two suspected men for the last several days is known to the authorities. Both men paid their fare on the train and did not buy tickets here.

They got on the train at Acca, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, above Richmond. When the conductor saw them on the blind baggage he warned them to get off, saying that they would surely be arrested when the train arrived in Richmond. To this the elder man said to have replied, "There is no danger of any one taking us, to not-night."

When the elder of the two shot the conductor the mask covering his face slipped and nearly came off. It is fully expected that the two men will be arrested within the next twenty-four hours.

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Mr. Owens has the call under consideration, and a meeting of the congregation will be held Wednesday evening to take action relative to the matter. Mr. Owens has been rector of St. Paul's here for five years.

POET LAUREATE FOR NAVY.

Author Enlists as Yeoman and Will Emulate Kipling.

Boston, Jan. 1.—The United States navy is to have a poet laureate, or at least a man who will try to do for our navy what Kipling has done for the British army.

James B. Connolly, the author, who has won fame by his stories of the Gloucester fishing fleet, will enlist as a yeoman in our navy to-morrow, and will report for duty at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. It is said he will have special privileges, so his work will not be impeded.

DID NOT KILL MISS SCHAFER.

Frank Berger's Confession Is Proven to Be Untrue.

Elkhart, Ind., Jan. 1.—That Frank Berger made a "fake" confession of the murder of Miss Sarah Schaffer, the pretty Latin teacher, at Bedford, Ind., has been learned by Elkhart County officers, who received a telegram from Warden L. E. Gould, of the Ohio penitentiary, at Columbus.

The Bedford murder took place on the night of January 2, 1904, and Berger was released from the Ohio penitentiary July 25, 1904, six months later.

Building New Canadian Line.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 1.—Donald Mann, of MacKenzie & Mann, builders of the Canadian Northern Railway, announce that they will build to the Pacific Coast, making another continuous Canadian railway from tidewater to tidewater. The new line will parallel the Grand Trunk Pacific. MacKenzie & Mann started operations ten years ago, and now have nearly 4,000 miles of completed railway to their credit.

Negroes Celebrate Emancipation.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 1.—The negroes of Mobile celebrated the forty-fourth anniversary of their emancipation to-day in this city, when several thousand negroes crowded in the Frank Smith Baptist Church and listened to addresses from members of their own race.

Herald Want Ads

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BATTLE SHIPS SAIL TO-DAY.

Admiral Evans Signals Squadron to Be Ready to Leave Norfolk.

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Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief to-day signaled the eight battle ships of the North Atlantic fleet to be ready to sail for Guantanamo at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The rear-admiral boarded the flag ship at 9 o'clock. The battle ships Louisiana and Connecticut, other vessels in the Roads, will not sail with the fleet.

Guantanamo will be the base of the fleet in its programme of evolutions and target practice. The battle ship Kentucky finished loading a quantity of ammunition to-day.

The body of Sherman, the marine who died of scarlet fever, and a funeral party were to-day taken from the Maine by the tug Mohawk. Another tug conveyed those ill with the disease from the Maine to the hospital.

Y-RAY AS A LEPROSY CURE

Marvelous Discovery Made by American Doctors.

Relief Likely to Be Found for Thousands of Unfortunates in Hawaii and the Philippines.

The X-ray has been found to have an unsuspected efficacy as a cure for leprosy. Official advice received at the War Department from Manila confirm brief statements made in a previous report that the effect. From the time of the first occupation of the Philippines by the United States forces there has been continual concern over the prevalence of leprosy.

Under the Spanish regime no approved real estate or cultural act of leprosy had ever been made on the spread of the loathsome disease, and when the provisional government entered on the work of sanitation and health reform there was hardly a community in the islands that had not several cases of leprosy. Some comparison between the Spanish method and the American may be had when it is said that the Spaniards spent for this work in Manila but 3,000 pesos a year, while the present American government is spending \$15,000 a year on this account.

Several months ago the American doctors at the San Lazaro hospital at Manila decided to begin a series of experiments on lepers. An X-ray plant of limited efficiency and moderate cost was available, and the hospital staff selected a score of patients from the many known to them and placed them under regular treatment. The plan was to keep them for a period of six months and note what progress was made. To their surprise the X-ray proved to have a wonderful effect on the disease, and the subjects began to assume a degree of health wholly new and surprising. The good work at this point, however, was subject to the casualty that not infrequently occurs to scientists working at such a long distance from the centers from which advanced scientific apparatus is supplied. The X-ray plant broke down and the whole experiment was suspended until better instruments could be procured. That was done two months ago, and the work resumed. The same gratifying results repeated themselves, and a number of unfortunates find themselves in a fair way to be entirely cured of the worst disease known in human experience. With some of the worst cases, all appearance of the disease has gone, and a healthy skin has replaced the diseased. The subjects, however, are not satisfied that they have worked any permanent cure up to this time. They urge that nothing short of years of treatment should reasonably be relied on to eradicate entirely the seeds of such a persistent and baffling disease.

The new X-ray plant is operated by electricity, and a staff of three physicians is entrusted with the care of it. For the present the number of patients is limited to twelve, in order that a thorough study of the stages and phenomena of the cure may be the more carefully made. The cases now under treatment are for the most part young persons in the earlier stages of the disease.

The hospital doctors regard it as more important at the outset of their experiment to determine accurately that the disease can be cured in its first stages, and so save from a life of horror the young who may become infected.

As the trial of the X-ray cure goes on it will be carefully reported in a scientific manner, so that the new remedy may be adopted elsewhere, and also that sufficient appropriations may be made for institutions for the cure of leprosy in the Philippines and Hawaii.

Those who have had direct connection with the work now going on in Manila to cure leprosy are confident that a great secret has been discovered, and that the whole world will witness the miracle of a complete cure of the disease.

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